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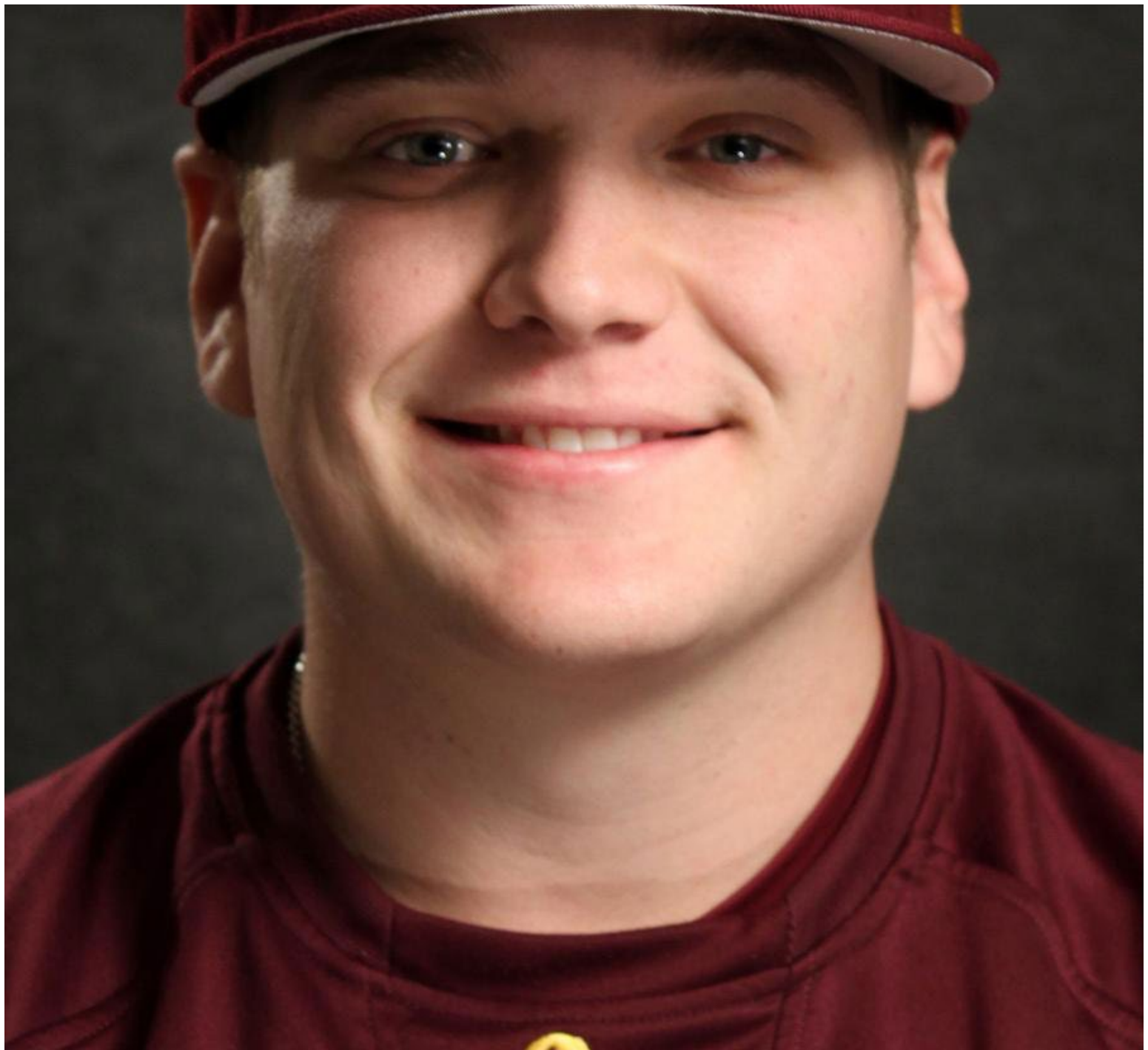
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GA. SOUTHWESTERN				Game 2										ARMSTRONG		
3	Final			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	4
	GA. SOUTHWESTERN (3-10)			1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	9	1	
	ARMSTRONG (8-3)			0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	X	4	8	3	

GA. SOUTHWESTERN				Game 1										ARMSTRONG		
4	Final			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	5
	GA. SOUTHWESTERN (3-9)			1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	11	2	
	ARMSTRONG (7-3)			0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	11	0	





Posted: Feb 22, 2014

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Junior first baseman **R.J. Dennard** launched a two-run walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to spark the Armstrong Atlantic State University baseball squad to a Peach Belt Conference doubleheader sweep of Georgia Southwestern University on Saturday at Pirate Field. Dennard's blast gave the Pirates a 5-4 win in game one, with game two going to Armstrong, 4-3.

The Pirates (8-3, 4-1 PBC) stretched their current win streak to five with the pair of wins, while Georgia Southwestern (3-10, 1-4 PBC) saw its current skid reach five games.

Game 2

BATTING

GA. SOUTHWESTERN

2B: Devyn Newberry

3B: none

HR: none

ARMSTRONG

2B: Matt Wisniewski; Clayton Miller

3B: none

Armstrong trailed, 4-3, heading into the ninth of game one when **Zach Lance** drew a one-out walk and one out later, Dennard launched his game-winning shot inside the right field foul pole - his second home run of the contest - to give the Pirates a 5-4 victory.

The blast made a winner out of **Justin Adkins** (1-0), who hurled three innings of three-hit shutout relief for his first win of the season. Reliever Coty Graham (1-1), who gave up the two-run home run to Dennard, took the loss, giving up one hit and one run in 1/3 of an inning pitched.

Dennard finished the first game 2-for-3 with two home runs and three RBI to lead the Pirates offensively, while Jarrod Taylor, Dylan Griffin and Zach Moss each had two hits for the Hurricanes.

Game two was similarly close as a 3-3 game in the bottom of the seventh was finally decided by junior **Matt Wisniewski's** RBI single, scoring **Dalton Johnson** with what would eventually be the game-winning run. The Pirates trailed, 3-1, in the fifth when **Clayton Miller's** two-run home run tied things up in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Ethan Bader (4-0) notched the win for the Pirates in game two, hurling seven innings of nine-hit three-run ball, striking out eight. He became just the fourth pitcher in Armstrong history with 200 career strikeouts on the day and now sits in fourth all-time with 206 strikeouts. **Ryan Good** notched his second save of the season with two innings of shutout relief.

Zac Wittmus (0-3) took the loss for the Hurricanes in game two, giving up eight hits and four runs in eight innings of work, walking two and striking out six.

Miller led the Pirates in game two with a 3-for-4 day, driving in three with a double and a home run. Devyn Newberry led the Hurricanes with two hits and three runs scored.

The two teams wrap up their Peach Belt Conference series on Sunday with a 1:00 p.m. doubleheader at Pirate Field.



HR: Clayton Miller

FULL STATS

Game 1
BATTING
GA. SOUTHWESTERN
2B: Jarrod Taylor; Stephen Eldridge
3B: none
HR: none
ARMSTRONG
2B: Tyler Avera
3B: none
HR: R.j. Dennard 2

FULL STATS

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